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To: Walsh, Patrick [patrick-walsh@denka-pe.com]

Subject: Re: Could Fifth Ward students be relocated amid air quality concerns? School Board Executive Committee votes to

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Thanks Patrick for the update. I'll let you know if anything else is needed for getting the model through peer review. I hope you have a restful holiday weekend.

Tina

From: Walsh, Patrick <patrick-walsh@denka-pe.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 5:46 PM **To:** Bahadori, Tina <Bahadori.Tina@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Could Fifth Ward students be relocated amid air quality concerns? School Board Executive Committee

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Hi Tina,

Hope you're doing okay. It looks like we are continuing to make progress toward peer review of the model, which I'm really excited to see the results of. I really appreciate Paul and IRIS continuing to make chloroprene a priority, given all the competing issues I'm sure you all have. Of course, if there is anything we can do to help or that Paul needs from us (us = DPE and Ramboll), all he has to do is let us know.

I wanted to give you a heads up that we provided the notes from our 6/12/19 meeting at RTP to our local Fox affiliate at their request, as you authorized us to do. Here's what they did with it: <a href="https://www.fox8live.com/2019/08/29/air-uncertainty-attorney-critical-denkas-request-new-chloroprene-emission-guidelines/">https://www.fox8live.com/2019/08/29/air-uncertainty-attorney-critical-denkas-request-new-chloroprene-emission-guidelines/</a> The story aired here last night. Gives you a peek at what we have to deal with here. We have also provided the notes to more responsible journalists around here but have no indication if a more positive, factually correct story is forthcoming. If something does crop up, I'll send it along to you (unless you tell me not to!).

Also, here's a recent story from our local weekly newspaper:

https://www.lobservateur.com/2019/08/28/could-fifth-ward-students-be-relocated-amid-air-quality-concerns-school-board-executive-committee-votes-to-conduct-a-feasibility-study/. It appears that the local school board is again considering moving the children from the elementary school near our fenceline; this is despite a report from our DoH 2 years ago, before we reduced our emissions by 85%, stating that the children were not at undue risk. The reason the school board wants to move them is because of their perception that their chloroprene exposure for 8 hours per day is greater than 0.2 ug/m3—despite John's letter saying that the 0.2 ug/m3 is for a 70-year lifetime of continuous exposure.

The public continues to misunderstand that letter, which is why I asked during our meeting on 6/12/19 if it could be rescinded. I don't have to tell you what the consequences of moving children from that school unnecessarily would be not just for us, but for those children, their families, and the parish resources being

expended. All that despite the Louisiana Tumor Registry stating that the cancer rate for that census tract is not statistically different from the state average; the school board knows this, but they are reacting to the 0.2. I hope they make the right choice and keep those children right where they are, but it's a shame to see them reacting so strongly to something they don't understand. At least the PBPK model gives us a potential end to all this (though rescinding that letter would also be a huge help!).

Anyway, I'm taking tomorrow off before the long weekend. Gonna chill with the family and recharge a little. I hope you get to take some time off too, and that you enjoy it!

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Take care,

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